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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF TURKISH SETTLEMENT IN KARPASS

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1. EMBOFF MADE EXTENSIVE TOUR OF KARPASS JUNE 11 IN COURSE CARRYING OUT CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES. SAW NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ALLEGATIONS OF LARGE SCALE MAINLAND TURKISH SETTLEMENT. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, NUMBER OF TURK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS STATIONED THERE IN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES. ADDITIONALLY, THERE SOME EVIDENCE OF TURK CYPRIOT AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, PRIMARILY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. NUMBER OF FAMILIES PROBABLY DOES NOT EXCEED 60, SINCE THIS WAS NUMBER OF CHILDREN OBSERVED BEING TRANSPORTED BACK INTO AREA AT END OF SCHOOL DAY.

2. TURK CYPRIOTS FROM LEFKARA HAVE BEEN RESETTLED IN

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REFUGEES ARE HOUSED IN SAME GENERAL AREA. INTENT APPEARS TO BE TO BUILD BLOCKING POSITION OF TURKISH VILLAGES BETWEEN KARPASS AND FAMAGUSTA. TAVROS AND KOMA TOU YIALOU, FURTHER OUT KARPASS, ARE VERY SPARSLY POPULATED AND MAY ALSO BE CANDIDATES FOR FUTURE TURK CYPRIOT RESETTLEMENT.

3. TURK CYPRIOTS ARE BEING SETTLED IN ALL VILLAGES ALONG NEW FAMAGUSTA ROAD. MILITARY CAMPS HAVE BEEN REDUCED; APPEAR IN PROCESS OF BEING PHASED OUT, TRANS-FERRED ELSEWHERE. CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS STILL SPARSE.

4. ONLY MAINLAND TURKISH PEASANTS OBSERVED WERE TRUCKLOAD OF MALE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF FAMAGUSTA. TRUCK APPEARED TO BE COMING FROM ABANDONED GREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL DORMITORY.

5. CONDITIONA FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN KARPASS HAVE BEEN RELAXED. THEY NO LONGER REQUIRE PERMITS TO WORK FIELDS AND HAVE CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF MOVE-MENT WITHIN TRADITIONAL VILLAGE BOUNDARIES. SOME VILLAGE STORES HAVE REOPENED, NOW STOCKED WITH TURKISH PRODUCTS. TURK CYPRIOT MILITARY PRESENCE LESS PERVASIVE THAN PREVIOUSLY. EMBOFF HEARD NO COMPLAINTS FROM VILLAGERS BUT FREEDOM OF CONVERSATION SOMEWHAT HAMPERED BY CONTINUAL PRESENCE TWO TURK CYPRIOT PLAINCLOTHES POLICE.

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